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APPLICANT: Curiel <i>et al.</i>	§	ART UNIT: 1632
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FILED: September 9, 1999	§	
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SERIAL NO.: 09/393,173	§	Wehbe, A.M.S.
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FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding Pro-	§	
Apoptotic Bax Gene and Uses	§	DOCKET: D6163
Thereof	§	

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (twice amended) A method of treating an individual having a neoplastic disease, comprising the step of administering to said individual a composition comprising an inducible recombinant adenoviral vector encoding a pro-apoptotic *bax* gene which is placed downstream of a loxP excision cassette and a vector encoding a